ration of a Master Plan. The State Government has also identified thrust areas for Development of Tourism.

In the first 4 years of the 8th Plan, the Department of Tourism provided Rs. 280 lakhs for the development of tourism in the State of Assam.

Steps to Increase Foreign Investment in Various Projects

492. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to increase the foreign investments in different projects;

(b) if so, the number of projects taken up in different States with foreign assistance;

(c) whether the proposal to implement some projects in 1996-97 with foreign assistance is under the consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government have taken various steps as a part of the New Industrial Policy to attract foreign investments including automatic approval upto 51% foreign equity in 35 high priority industries and a revamped FIPB to consider proposals not covered under the automatic route. The policies are continually under review to effect further liberalisation and Government have recently dispensed with the condition of foreign equity financing of capital good imports in respect of automatic approval route cases of the Reserve Bank of India.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to Open New Tourism and Travel Management Institute in Hyderabad

493. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government had urged the Central Government to open new toursim and travel management institute in Hyderabad.

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have accepted the proposal;

(c) if so, by what time a final decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had sent a proposal to open new Chapter of Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management in Hyderabad. In view of the constraint in resources, the proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh has not been considered.

Award of National Industrial Tribunal of RRB

494. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the award of the National Industrial Tribunal relating to pay structure of Regional Rural Bank;

(b) whether it has been accepted by Government and implemented; and

(c) whether the award was time-bound and subject to viability of the Regional Rural Bank; if not, whether Government can deny the award of this Tribunal when the award was binding and final?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The pay and allowances of the employees of the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are to